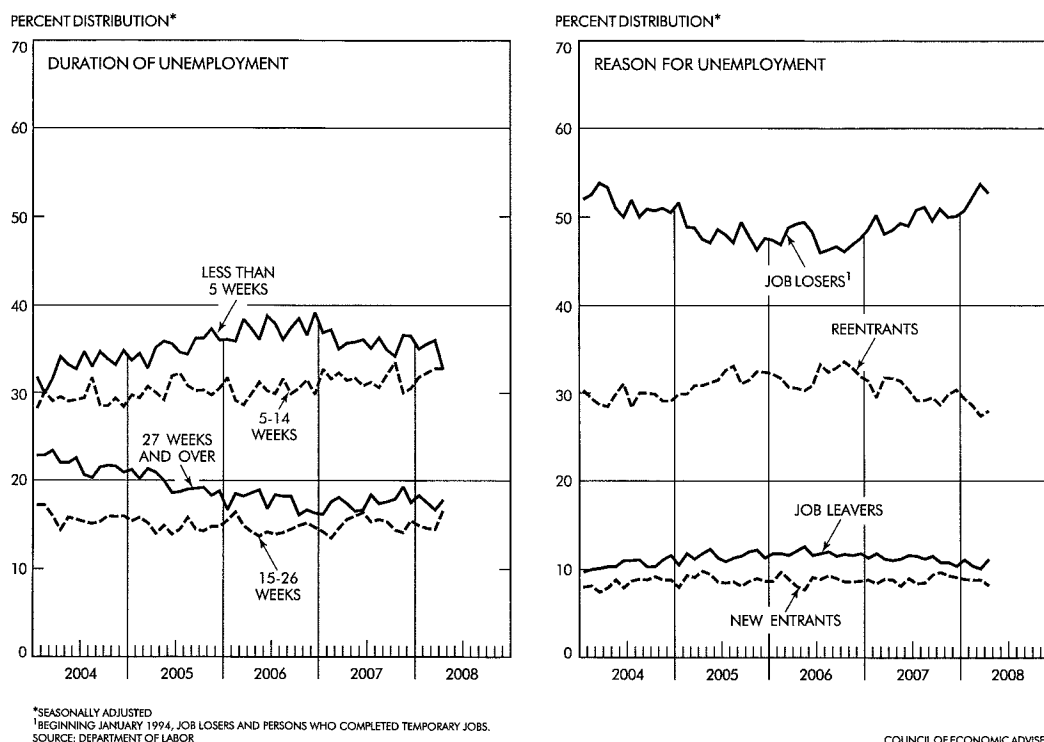


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks fell, the percentage for 5–14 weeks was unchanged, and the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 16.9 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.3 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609
2007: Apr	6,829	35.7	31.4	15.6	17.4	17.0	8.6	48.5	11.0	31.7	8.8	2,524	320	2,830
May	6,863	35.8	31.7	16.0	16.5	16.6	8.3	49.3	11.2	31.4	8.1	2,504	307	2,238
June	6,997	36.1	30.8	16.4	16.7	16.8	8.3	49.0	11.6	30.4	9.0	2,529	318	2,279
July	7,137	35.1	31.2	15.3	18.4	17.3	8.9	50.8	11.5	29.2	8.4	2,550	309	2,703
Aug	7,133	36.3	30.6	15.6	17.4	16.9	8.6	51.1	11.2	29.2	8.5	2,579	324	2,269
Sept	7,246	34.9	32.1	15.3	17.6	16.6	8.9	49.6	11.5	29.5	9.4	2,553	319	2,344
Oct	7,291	34.2	33.5	14.4	17.9	17.0	8.7	50.9	10.8	28.7	9.7	2,573	329	2,256
Nov	7,181	36.6	30.0	14.1	19.3	17.2	8.7	50.0	10.8	29.9	9.3	2,620	339	2,271
Dec	7,655	36.5	30.5	15.5	17.5	16.6	8.4	50.1	10.4	30.4	9.1	2,696	344	3,066
2008: Jan	7,576	35.0	31.8	14.9	18.3	17.5	8.8	50.7	11.1	29.4	8.9	2,718	337	3,270
Feb	7,381	35.6	32.3	14.6	17.5	16.8	8.4	52.2	10.4	28.6	8.8	2,776	346	3,256
Mar	7,815	36.0	32.8	14.5	16.7	16.2	8.1	53.7	10.1	27.4	8.8	2,910	374	3,553
Apr	7,626	32.7	32.8	16.7	17.8	16.9	9.3	52.7	11.2	28.0	8.2	P 364

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted insured and initial unemployment claims data reflect annual revisions. Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).